

BASIS FOR THE AMENDMENT

Claims 1-5 and 7-18 are active in the present application. Claims 1 and 3-5 have been amended for matters of form. The amendments to the original claims is not intended to further limit the claimed subject matter. Claim 6 is canceled. Claims 7-18 are new claims. Support for new Claim 7 is found on page 5, lines 14-19. Support for new Claim 8 is found on page 5, line 20, page 6, lines 5-12, page 6, lines 15-20. Support for new Claim 9 is found on page 6, lines 7-10. Support for new Claim 10 is found on page 6, lines 25-27. Support for new Claim 11 is found on page 8, lines 15-20. Support for new Claim 12 is found on page 10, lines 23-26. Support for new Claim 13 is found on page 12, lines 15-17. Support for new Claim 14 is found on page 13, lines 11-15. Support for new Claim 15 in the paragraph bridging pages 16 and 17. Support for new Claim 16 is found on page 22, line 18 through page 23, line 4. Support for new Claim 17 is found in original Claim 6 and on page 20. Support for new Claim 18 is found on page 25. The specification has been amended to correct matters of form. No new matter is believed to have been added by this amendment.

REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

Applicants thank the Examiner for the helpful and courteous discussion of July 12, 2005. During the discussion, the Examiner indicated that the addition of a new claim positively reciting the active steps of the process of original Claim 6 may be joined and allowed pending a review of Applicants' written response. Applicants further thank the Examiner for indicating that the subject matter of Claims 1-3 is allowed.

Applicants submit the amendment to the claims obviates the rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph and 37 C.F.R. § 1.75(c).

Applicants respectfully request withdrawal of the rejections and the passage of all now-pending claims to allowance.

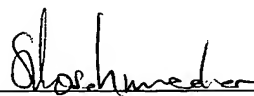
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